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This publication presents summary information from the Wisconsin Annual Survey of Hospices for 2001, and comparative data for 2000 and 1999. Wisconsin had 61 licensed hospices and 13,208 hospice patients in 2001. There were over 615,800 hospice patient days during the year.

## HOSPICE CHARACTERISTICS

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
• <b>Hospices by Ownership Type</b>			
Governmental	4	4	4
Nonprofit	50	50	52
Proprietary	7	7	4
All hospices	61	61	60

• Patients by Ownership Type			
Governmental	123	113	126
Nonprofit	10,289	9,386	9,239
Proprietary	2,796	2,375	1,342
All hospices	13,208	11,874	10,707

• Hospice Patient Days:	615,783	534,515	481,428
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- Number of Hospices:**

Operating a residential facility	10	9	6
Operating an inpatient facility	6	5	5
Having a contract with a CBRF	44	42	40
Having a contract with an HMO	31	28	29
Having a contract with a nursing home . . .			
For inpatient respite service	8	17	20
For hospice routine care	55	53	51

## HOSPICE EMPLOYEES, 2001

• <b>Type of Employee</b>	<u>Number</u>	<u>% Part-Time</u>	<u>FTEs Per 100 Patients</u>
RNs	637	76%	2.42
LPNs	68	72	0.26
Hospice aides	469	79	1.45
Social workers	143	69	0.61
All employees*	1,908	74%	n/a

## HOSPICE PATIENTS

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
• <b>Percent Female</b>	54%	53%	50%
• <b>Percent by Age</b>			
Age 55 and younger	8%	8%	8%
Age 55 to 64	10	11	12
Age 65 and older	82	81	81
Age 85 and older	29	25	21

• Hospice Utilization Rate (Patients per 1,000 Population)			
Total Population	2.5	2.2	2.0
Female	2.6	2.3	2.0
Female 65 and older	14.5	12.3	10.2
Male	2.3	2.1	1.9
Male 65 and older	16.7	15.1	13.2

• Total Admissions	12,034	10,850	9,720
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• Percent of Admissions by Primary Pay Source			
Medicare	74%	73%	80%
Medicaid	3	3	3
Medicare/Medicaid dual entitlees	7	6	2
HMO	5	6	4
Private Insurance	11	11	10
Other	<1	1	1

• <b>Total Discharges/Deaths</b>	11,856	10,695	9,572
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• Percent of Discharges/Deaths by Reason			
Hospice care not appropriate	4%	5%	4%
Transferred to another hospice	2	2	2
Revocation of hospice benefit	4	4	4
Other	1	1	2
Deaths	88	88	88

• Number of Patients on December 31, 2001	1,677	1,505	1,381
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## HOSPICE PATIENTS

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
<b>• Percent by Pay Source (Dec. 31)</b>			
Medicare	77%	78%	78%
Medicaid	3	2	3
Medicare/Medicaid dual entitlements	10	8	3
Private insurance	6	7	9
Managed care/HMOs	2	2	4
Other	2	3	3

• Percent with Selected Diagnoses			
Malignant neoplasm (cancer)	60%	61%	65%
End-stage cardiovascular disease	12	11	12
End-stage pulmonary disease	6	5	7
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)	6	5	1
Alzheimer's disease	3	2	4
Other	13	16	11

• Percent of Patients by Referral Source			
Physician	37%	40%	41%
Hospital	26	24	24
Self-referral	3	2	2
Patient's family	9	9	9
Home health agency	4	6	6
Nursing home	15	-	-
Other	6	19	19

• Percent of Patients by Living Arrangements (Dec. 31)			
Home/private residence	64%	64%	76%
Nursing home	23	24	15
Assisted living**	7	6	3
Hospice residential facility	4	4	3
Other	2	2	3

### **Length Of Stay For Patients Who Died Or Were Discharged**

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Less than 7 days	31%	28%	27%
8 - 14 days	15	17	16
15 - 30 days	18	18	18
31 - 60 days	15	15	16
61 - 180 days	16	17	15
More than 180 days	5	5	5

\*\*Includes residential care apartment complexes, adult family homes, and community-based residential facilities (CBRFs).

\* Includes all full-time and part-time employees, but excludes contract staff and volunteers. Data are as of December 9-15, 2001.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The source of data for these tables is the Annual Survey of Hospices, conducted by the Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing (DHCF), Department of Health and Family Services, in cooperation with Wisconsin-licensed hospices; the Bureau of Fee-for-Service Health Care Benefits, DHCF, and the Bureau of Quality Assurance, Division of Supportive Living. Wisconsin HOPE (Hospice Organization and Palliative Experts) endorsed this survey.

The 2001 survey population consisted of 61 hospices licensed in Wisconsin. The survey instrument, prepared by the Bureau of Health Information, was mailed with the Hospice Annual Report (licensure) form in January 2001 by the Bureau of Quality Assurance. The survey utilizes a survey date of December 31; that is, hospices are asked to report some survey items (such as number of patients) as of that date. Other data items (such as the number of patient days and the number of admissions and discharges) were reported for all of calendar year 2001. Staffing information was based on the number of personnel employed by hospices during the week of Dec. 9-15, 2001. Data for 1999 and 2000 are also presented in this publication, based on surveys conducted for those years.

**Hospice** is a program that provides care to terminally ill persons who have a life expectancy of 6-12 months. (The patient must have a medical prognosis of 12 months or less to be eligible to receive services from a Wisconsin-licensed hospice. Medicare requires a prognosis of 6 months or less to elect the Medicare hospice benefit). "Hospice" can be an organization, a program within an organization, or a place (for details, see Wisconsin Administrative Code HFS 131).

Hospice care is significantly different in goals and emphasis from traditional medical practice. The goal of hospice care is palliative (seeking to improve patient comfort and to lessen pain and other symptoms of illness) rather than curative. It also emphasizes home care rather than institutional care, addresses the psychological, social, spiritual, and physical needs of the patient, and provides supportive services to the family. Volunteers are a unique component in hospice care.

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